

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2014-252-E - ORDER NO. 2014-556

JULY 9, 2014

IN RE: Request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to	)	ORDER APPROVING
Add New Energy Efficiency Program to	)	ADDITION OF "SMALL
Portfolio (Small Business Energy Saver)	)	BUSINESS ENERGY
	)	SAVER" PROGRAM TO
	)	ENERGY EFFICIENCY
	)	PORTFOLIO

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke" or "the company") for approval to add a new program to its energy efficiency portfolio, the "Small Business Energy Saver" ("the program"). This program is modeled after the "Small Business Energy Saver Program" described in Docket No. 2012-234-E. The purpose of the program is to reduce energy usage through the installation of energy efficiency measures, focusing on lighting, refrigeration, and HVAC applications.

All aspects of the program will be administered by a single Company-authorized vendor. Program participants will receive a no-cost, no-obligation energy assessment of their facility and a recommendation of energy efficiency measures to be installed in their facility along with the projected energy savings, including costs of all materials and installation and an up-front incentive amount from Duke to defray the cost of the recommended measures. Upon receiving the results of the assessment, the customer will decide which measures will be installed. The program is designed as a pay-for-

performance offering, meaning that the Company-authorized vendor administering the program will only be compensated for energy savings produced through the installation of energy efficiency measures.

The Program is available to existing non-residential establishments served on a Duke Energy Carolinas general service or industrial rate schedule from the Duke Energy Carolinas' retail distribution system that are not opted-out of the EE portion of Rider EE. Program participants must have an average annual demand of 100kW or less per active account. Participants may be owner-occupied or tenant facilities with owner permission. Participation for an individual business entity (determined by employer identification number/taxpayer identification number) is limited to no more than five premises on the Company's system during a calendar year. The premise limitation is intended to maximize participation for the small non-residential customer segment that typically does not have the up-front capital or technical expertise to participate in other non-residential energy efficiency program offerings.

The Company will pay an incentive directly to the Company-authorized vendor in the amount of up to 80% of the total cost of eligible measures installed at the customer's facility. The cost for each measure type, including all costs associated with the material, installation and Program administration, is agreed upon contractually between the Company and the vendor, and is not negotiable between the Company-authorized vendor and the customer. The level of incentive provided for each specific program project is based on the deemed kWh savings of the energy efficiency measures to be installed. The incentive is provided upfront in the form of a discounted price offering at the time of

installation, which reduces the initial upfront cost required by the customer. The participating customer is responsible for payment of the remaining portion of the project cost, payable directly to the vendor.

The Company submitted participation and cost effectiveness numbers. Duke asserts that these numbers show that this program should be worthwhile in helping small business customers save energy.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870 (F) (Supp. 2013) states that the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and rate of return. We find that the proposed tariff in this case does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and rate of return, therefore the tariff may be put into effect without notice or hearing. Accordingly, we approve the tariff as filed. Clearly, the tariff could be helpful in allowing small business customers to save energy. The Company shall e-file its tariff in this matter within ten (10) days after receiving a copy of this Order. This program may be added to the Company's energy efficiency portfolio.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

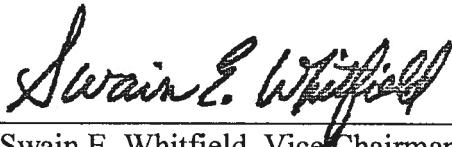
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Nikiya Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Swain E. Whitfield, Vice Chairman

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